REMARKS

It is believed that the corrected abstract removes the objections voiced in the Office Action.

It is believed that the replacement drawings, of which all sheets are amended, now meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(d).

It is believed that the amended claim objections and rejections under 35 USC 112 and that all of the issues pointed out in the Office Action have been dealt with. In particular, the claims are now directed to the subcombination, i.e. the joining system without claiming the beams which are to be joined. Ambiguity is also removed, it is believed, by stating that the second surfaces of two fixing plates belonging to different pairs of fixing plates are adapted to bear against each other.

Respectfully submitted,

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